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Arrest Made in the Homicide David Nicholas Investigation

The Birmingham Police Department reports detectives have obtained warrants for the arrest of three suspects in connection to the Homicide Investigation of David Nicholas.

David Nicholas was shot and killed on **Saturday, December 23, 2023**, in the 1400 Block of Lake Lane. An adult female was kidnapped during the incident then later located safe.

The suspects have been identified as:

- 1. Dustin Stanfield, (43), of Hoover, Alabama.**
- 2. Joshua Guthrie, (33), of Birmingham, Alabama.**
- 3. Brittany Patterson, (33), of Mt. Olive, Alabama.**

On **Tuesday, December 26, 2023**, Birmingham Police Detectives presented case information to the Jefferson County District Attorney's Office. After an assessment of the information, detectives obtained warrants for Capital Murder (Kidnapping) and Kidnapping 1st Degree on the three suspects.

Stanfield and Guthrie were arrested on **Sunday, December 24, 2023**. Brittany Patterson was arrested on **Saturday, December 30, 2023**.

All three suspects will be held in the custody of the Jefferson County Jail with No Bond.

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Homicide Investigation

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The Birmingham Police Department is conducting a homicide investigation. The incident occurred on **Saturday, December 23, 2023**.

The victim has been identified as:
David Nicholas, (43), W/M, of Birmingham, Alabama.

Just before midnight, East Precinct officers were dispatched to a Person Shot call at a residence in the 1400 Block of Lake Lane Northeast.

Officers arrived on the scene and then observed the victim outside a residence suffering from injuries after being assaulted.

Birmingham Fire and Rescue personnel arrived on the scene and pronounced the victim deceased.

The preliminary investigation suggests a suspect(s) assaulted the victim at a residence in the 1400 Block of Lake Lane Northeast; the victim was able to flee the residence and seek help in the neighborhood. This incident was not random.

There is no one in custody.

The Jefferson County Medical Examiner's Office will perform an autopsy on the victim to determine the cause of death.

If there is anyone who has information about the case, please get in touch with the B.P.D. Homicide Unit @ 205-254-1764 or remain anonymous and receive a cash reward by dialing Crime Stoppers @ 205-254-7777.

Crime Stoppers pays tipsters cash rewards of up to \$5,000 for their tips.

This is Birmingham's 124th murder investigation of 2023 with 9 justifiable death investigations). The Birmingham Police Department adheres to FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines set for all law enforcement agencies across the United States. FBI Uniform Crime Reporting guidelines do not require law enforcement agencies to include justifiable death investigations in the total homicide investigations counts.

****The information is based on a preliminary and ongoing investigation, which continues to evolve as investigators interview witnesses, review physical and electronic records, and analyze forensic evidence. The Department's understanding of the facts and circumstances may change as additional evidence is collected and analyzed****

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